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1. AT HIS REGULAR NOON PRESS BRIEFING ON JULY 17, THE SPOKESMAN OF THE EC COMMISSION MADE AN ORAL STATEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION THAT MORNING REGARDING CYPRUS. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMMISSION WISHED TO EXPRESS ITS SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT EVENTS IN CYPRUS. THE COMMISSION RECALLED THAT THE
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ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND CYPRUS IS BASED

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UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE ADVANTAGES DERIVED FROM THE ASSOCIATION MUST BENEFIT THE ENTIRE POLULATION OF THE ISLAND. IF THESE PRINCIPLES WERE TO BE QUESTIONED, THIS WOULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT AND ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

2. A JOURNALIST ASKED THE SPOKESMAN WHETHER THE MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22 BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND CYPRUS WILL TAKE PLACE. (UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND CYPRUS, WHICH ENTERED INTO EFFECT JUNE 1, 1973, SO-CALLED ASSOCIATION COUNCILS ARE TO MEET ANNUALLY TO REVIEW EC/CYPRUS RELATION AND IT IS ONE OF SUCH COUNCILS WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET JULY 22.) THE SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER THE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE.

3. A COMMISSION OFFICIAL SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY MORNING, JULY 22, PRIOR TO THE EC COUNCIL MEETING, AND WAS TO BE CHAIRED ON THE COMMUNITY SIDE BY FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES. THE DELEGATION FROM CYPRUS WAS TO HAVE BEEN LED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. A RATHER FULL AGENDA HAD BEEN SCHEDULED, ACCORDNG TO THIS SOURCE, WITH THE CYPRIOTS EXPECTED TO RAISE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THEIR AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY'S OVERALL MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. HE SAID THAT, WHILE NO FORMAL REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN RECEIVED, THE COMMISSION ASSUMES THE MEETING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.GREENWALD

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